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Subject: Greg Sorenson of the Utah Div. of Air Quality (901/536-4437) called me yesterday and advised that he

Greg Sorensen of the Utah Div. of Air Quality (901/536-4437) called me yesterday and advised that he had received a call from a Michael Mann (presumed spelling) who reported that about 20 years ago he worked for a company in Salt Lake City called Intermountain Vermiculite which was located about where the Delta Center is today. He had recently seen something on TV about the Libby, Montana site and during the program bags of vermiculate were shown; he recognized the very bags that had been used for shipping vermiculite to Intermountain Vermiculite. So it looks like there was probably at least one more company in SLC that dealt with vermiculite from Libby, besides the Intermountain Insulation that you already know about. I'm guessing Intermountain Vermiculite wasn't mentioned in written records from WR Grace or you would have mentioned it earlier. It raises the question as to whether there were other asbestos/vermiculite companies in Utah that are not mentioned in WR Grace records.

Presumably, this Michael Mann, whose phone number is 801/969-6420, is willing to grant an interview regarding his employment with Intermountain Vermiculite.

Greg Sorensen mentioned he had also received a call from another woman in SLC (he doesn't have her name or number) who had rented a house in the past which she now recognizes as having had the same attic insulation (and vermiculate bags as I recall) that were described in the TV program.

Sorensen commented that the vermiculate insulation was frequently used to fill the voids in cinder bricks that was used in constructing walls for homes.

Incidentally, it would be possible to examine the Polk Directory of historic businesses in Utah to try and get an idea of the insulation/asbestos/vermiculite businesses that may have existed in the state. We use the Polk Directory all the time for our Site assessment research.

I thought you would be interested in this information.

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4th or 5th south
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1:00

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I have been keeping this employee's name & number confidential at his request